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Serial No. 09/500,269 )  
Filing Date: February 8, 2000 )  
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ASSESSING THE SECURITY )  
POSTURE OF A NETWORK USING )  
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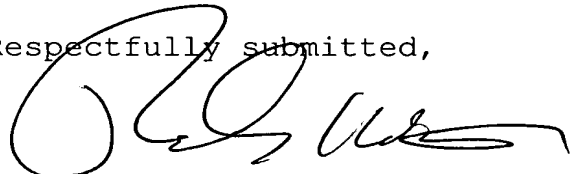
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Applicants note that the article entitled, "The Network Vulnerability Tool (NVT) - A System Vulnerability Visualization Architecture," was authored by co-inventors, Ronda R. Henning and Kevin L. Fox, as part of their affiliation with the present assignee, Harris Corporation, and dated October 18, 1999.

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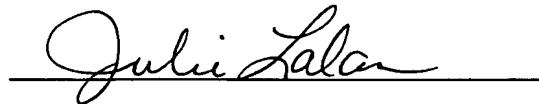


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